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Military Information from Freienwalde

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REMARKS

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1. On 9 January 1953, the Panzer Kaserne on Berliner Chaussee, Bad Freienwalde, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia and including a few with motor transport insignia. From 1 to 9 January, 8 guns, [redacted] were 76-mm AT guns, and 8 trucks were in an open shed opposite the installation. [redacted] another shed also sheltered guns. From 22 to 23 December, 2 to 3 trucks occupied by troops with small arms daily left the installation for field training at Rathsdorf. Small details daily practiced at the Weinberg training area which belonged to the town area of Freienwalde. They concentrated on learning to throw hand grenades. From 1 to 9 January, training was no longer observed at the Weinberg training area, but was held in the wooded area near the installation. Motor

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2. On 15 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia. [redacted] 200 to 300 troops assembled in the barracks yard. At about [redacted] 40 soldiers with spades and wearing gas masks were seen marching on Berliner Chaussee toward west, and about 30 to 40 soldiers were engaged in the construction of field fortifications in a clearing, 300 meters west of the installation. [redacted] about 50 troops engaged in aiming practice between the edge of the woods and Dannenberg and, [redacted] about 30 to 35 soldiers practiced marching and securing on the march on the road about 2 km west of the installation, near Platzfelde. On 15 January, about 20 trucks hauled coal to the Panzer Kaserne. They shuttled between the installation and the freight station. Twelve 76-mm guns and 8 trucks mounting AAA machine guns were seen in a shed; 20 trucks were in another shed; and three other sheds were occupied by about 25 trucks each. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. Compared with previous information by the same [redacted] the Panzer Kaserne appears to be occupied as previously by units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] The 76.2-mm guns are fairly definitely believed to belong to the artillery battalion, and the AA machine guns to the AA machine gun company of the 16th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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